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Performance of Autonomous Colleges

3020. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the autonomous colleges has been evaluated by the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). UGC had appointed an Expert Committee to review the implementation of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges, The Committee submitted its report to the Commission in March, 1991. Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are.

— Keeping in view the objective of the Scheme which is to bring about major structuralchangesin the higher education system, it should be continued during the 8th Plan period.

— An appropriate mechanism should be established at the State level for effective monitoring of the Scheme.

— Immediate action should be taken for amendment of the Acts of the universities and formulation of Statutes to make an enabling provision for conferrment of autonomous status on colleges.

— The State Governments should not transfer the teachers from Government autonomous colleges and should also sort out the problems of increased work load of teachers for these colleges, besides fulfilling the system of block grants for maintenance purposes.

— The State Governments and the universities should hold regular meetings with the Principles of autonomous colleges for coordination and resolving of issues.

— The University should accept the decisions of the autonomous colleges regarding new courses and flexibility in course combinations.

— The autonomous colleges should prepare perspective plans for development, activate Finance Committee as well as Planning and Evaluation Committees.

The Commission accepted the report of the Committee in its meeting held cn 6th June, 1991 and agreed to continue the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges in the 8th Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Tourism Development in Tamil Nadu

3021. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Tamil Nadu on international tourism map; and

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to develop these spots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Tamil Nadu has a number of tourist spots which are on the international tourism